

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MADRID 06263 161536Z

42

ACTION EUR-02

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PA-01 INR-01 /005 W

----- 009979

R 161130Z AUG 76

FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

TO USINFO WASHINGTON DC

USCINCEUR-ECAP

USNMR SHAPE

SECSTATE 6798

USIAC

UNCLAS MADRID 6263

SECSTATE FOR EUR/IB DURKEE

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION: GEN. HAIG'S VISIT TO KING

1. SPANISH PRESS OF AUGUST 14 GAVE EXTENSIVE
COVERAGE OF VISIT BY GENERAL ALEXANDER HAIG TO SPANISH
KING DURING VACATION IN PALMA DE MALLORCA.

2. GOVERNMENT LINKED "ARRIBA", IN A FRONT-PAGE
STORY ACCOMPANIED BY PICTURE OF HAIG AND THE KING,
COMMENTED THAT THE VISIT WAS IN CONFORMITY WITH SPAIN'S
FOREIGN POLICY OF MOVING CLOSER TO WESTERN EUROPE.

3. MONARCHIST "ABC" CARRIED A FRONT-PAGE PICTURE OF
THE MEETING ACCOMPANIED BY A THREE-COLUMN LEAD STORY.
STORY CITES AT LENGTH AN INTERVIEW WITH THE ABC FOREIGN
EDITOR IN FEBRUARY 1976 QUOTING HAIG AS FOLLOWS: "AS
COMMANDANT OF AMERICAN FORCES IN EUROPE, I HAVE OBVIOUSLY
RECEIVED WITH ENTHUSIASM THE SIGNING OF THE AMERICAN
SPANISH TREATY WHICH I AM CONFIDENT WILL BE REAFFIRMED."
THE STORY WENT ON TO QUOTE HAIG: " SPAIN HAS A GREAT
STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE BOTH FOR THE UNITED STATES AND FOR
THE DEFENSE OF THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY."

4. MODERATE "YA" AND CENTER-LEFTIST "EL PAIS" BOTH
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MADRID 06263 161536Z

CARRIED INSIDE STORIES ON THE VISIT WITH THE COMMENT THAT

IT WAS PRIMARILY A COURTESY CALL. "EL PAIS" SINGLED OUT HAIG'S IMPORTANCE TO SPAIN BY POINTING OUT THAT HE WAS THE OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND "EXISTING DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC AREA."

5. BARCELONA'S INFLUENCIAL MODERATE "LA BANGUARDIA" CARRIED A STRAIGHT NEWS STORY ON THE VISIT WITH A THREE COLUMN PICTURE ON ITS FIRST NEWS PAGE. ITEM.
RYLANCE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976MADRID06263
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760314-0384
From: MADRID
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760851/aaaabrmm.tel
Line Count: 71
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12 APR 2004 by ReddocGW>; APPROVED <03 JAN 2005 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESS REACTION: GEN. HAIG'S VISIT TO KING
TAGS: SOPN, US, SP, (JUAN CARLOS I), (HAIG, ALEXANDER)
To: USIA
USCINCEUR-ECAP
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006